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CZECEOSLOVAK SEIPPING TO BE DEVELOPED -- Rzeczpospolita Polish), No 46, 16 Feb 49

Further details have been published regarding the proposed development of shipping in Czechoslovakia within the period of the Five-Year Plan. The carrying capacity is expected to increase 70 percent over 1948. It is estimated that by 1953, 2,070,000 tons of goods will be carried. This will be achieved by increasing the size of the fleet and making it more efficient by installing modern loading equipment in the ports. Shipping companies now in operation will be nationalized and three companies will be organized to control shipping on the Elbe, Oder, and Danube Rivers.

MEN RAILERAD IN STEPTIN -- Rude Pravo. No 46, 24 Feb 49

As per an agreement between Poland and Czechoslovakia, the Demhicks T Quay in Stettin has been turned over to Czechoslovakia as a railhead. Work on this quay will begin in March. After treatment of the surface of the quay, the basin will be despered, and an 80-meter-long warehouse and administrative buildings will be built.

CABLE RAILROAD IN OPERATION -- Rule Pravo, No 47, 25 Feb 49

The first section of the cable railroad on Smezka (Schieskoppe) on border of Czechoslovakia, was put into operation in January. The starting station of Pec is about 10 minutes from the terminal bus station in Pec. The section has 16 supports. At the middle station, the line changes its direction 120 degrees in order to end under the summit of Smerka at an altitude of 1,600 meters. The second section will be completed in July of this year.

The Pec and Snezka stations are wooden buildings, and have restaurant facilities. The entire cable railroad is 3,600 meters long, and ascends about 790 maters. Its speed is 2.5 meters per second. The entire equipment will cost about 15 million crowns. The railroad was built by the Transporta Firm state

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enterprise in Chrudin and its subsidiary factories. Brigades of the Czechoslovak State Railroads and the Union of Czech Youth participated in the construction.

The auxiliary freight cable railroad on the Ruzova Hora-Snezka line has also started operation. It makes a direct connection between the summit of Snezka and Pec.

TRAINING OF RATIEOAD WORKERS -- Rude Pravo, No 47, 25 Feb 49

The Czechoslovak State Emilrosds are devoting special attention to the training of youth. This year 425 pupils are attending railroad courses in industrial schools; 144 pupils are attending the State Transportation School in Valtice na Morave, where future train dispatchers are trained. A class of students from Slovakia will arrive at this school in autumn. The Ministry of Transportation will accept an additional 365 youths this year as apprentices in the trades of machine looksmith, boilermaker, electrical technician, etc., as well as 100 transportation appropriations, who, if they qualify, may study in the transportation school after one year of work.

In Coska Trobova, where a youth training center for the technical groups of the temperoration service is to be created, a basic technical enterprise school will be opened this year for 120 machine looksmith and electrical technician apprentices.

TRAINING FOR TRANSPORTATION WORKERS -- Sycholme Slove, No 46, 24 Feb 49

During 1949 the Ministry of Transportation will accept 100 young people for a year of training and subsequent enrollment in the State Transportation School at Valtice or at Uni med Labem. In addition, 365 apprentices will be accepted, including 160 machine lockmaths, 55 electrical technicians, five boilermakers, 13 smiths, 18 turners, five mechanics, 60 automechanics, 41 electrical mechanics, and eight technicians.

Applications must be submitted to the Ministry of Transportation not later than 31 March.

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